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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Section (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an already or patent application  
Filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/063,457
Filing Date	05/27/1997
First Named Inventor	KRISHNAMURTHI ET AL.
Group Art Unit	2684
Examiner Name	STEVEN NGUYEN
Customer Number	23696
Attorney Docket Number	PA377CIPA2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.336 (PTO/SB/79) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Procedure, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 36092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Invention Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14863 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1211 O.G. Gaz. Pub. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which extended RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)

b. ☐ Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 which the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 17-0026

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.117)

☐ One Month (\$110.00) ☐ Two Months (\$400.00) ☐ Three Months (\$920.00)

iii. ☐ Other

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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